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Dedication

To Miss Mathilda Schroeder whose inspiring teaching, unfailing friendship, and invaluable service have endeared her to both faculty and students throughout the history of Bay City Junior College, the Staff dedicates The Crucible Annual of 1944.

THE YEAR OF EVENTS 1943-1944

School began this year in an atmosphere of bewilderment as we looked about and observed the greatly diminished enrollment because of a lamentable lack of men. War time, we found, brings all kinds of shortages.

Once accustomed to the new state of affairs, however, we resolved to carry on, undaunted, in the old J. C. spirit and began with the Traditional Women's League Tea. Freshmen girls were officially accepted into the college social life and given a glimpse of good things to come.

The hayride that we planned soon after seemed doomed to disappointment when the weather turned too wet for the delicate horse. But no dreary little drizzle could dampen our enthusiasm. We all trooped over to the "Y.W." and had our hay ride party indoors, with music, dancing—and yes, even hot dogs.

On every Wednesday throughout the year May June Paull and her corps of Defense Stamp saleswomen reminded us to invest in our share of Victory and saw to it that we kept staunchly supporting our boys "over there."

We exercised our democratic prerogatives frequently during the year, electing and replacing officers for the Student Council and the Women's League. We even held a mock primary for the president of the United States, complete with campaign speeches, party songs, and banners. Predictions? Well, Dewey won here!

Examinations came up in January as they have a persistent habit of doing—more's the pity—and before we knew it, half the year had gone. The new semester ushered in some brand new students to swell our thinning ranks.

We showed our vital interest in the changing world order by flocking to the many educational assemblies prepared for us. We listened to the problems that face other peoples and then put the knowledge so gleaned to good use in a student panel discussion, in which we planned a new League of Nations. No more wars if we can help it!

The paper drive, one of our outstanding patriotic activities of the year, was a huge success. Frequenters of the lounge—and who isn't?—found that a whole quarter of the room was needed to store the donations. We celebrated afterward with a hilarious student talent assembly, topped off by the coronation of our Paper Queen—Her Royal Highness, Ann Louise (Anderson) I.

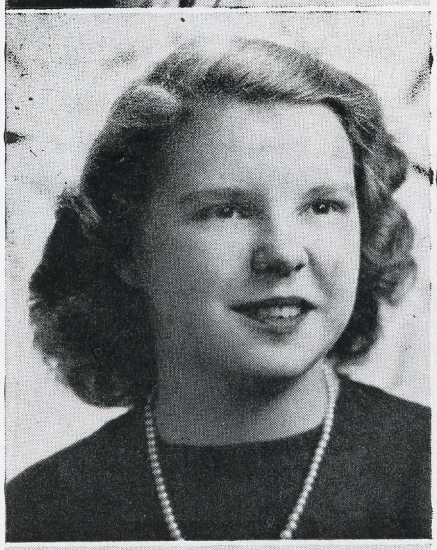
The wonderful time at Open House—the annual get together for parents, students, and teachers on March 14—was due largely to the efforts of Mr. Gilfoy, who demonstrated his beautiful plastics, and of our Wonderful Wizard, Bob Schneiderman, who had us all completely baffled with his bottomless bag of tricks.

Our school year is drawing to a close now, as all years do, and looking back we find that we are both sad and happy to see it go. A milestone in world history and in the annals of J. C., it brought us loads of fun and friendship—and, oh yes, work.

CLASS OF 1944

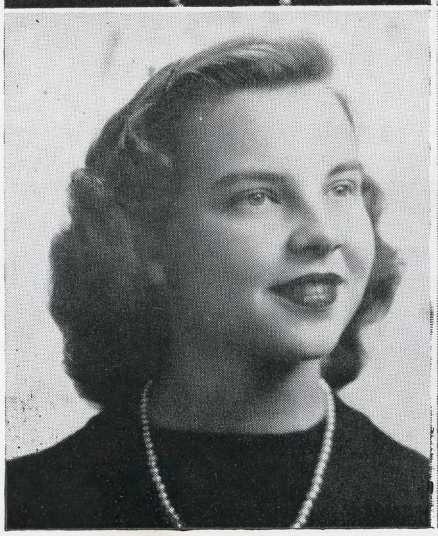
Doris June DeVinney
County Normal
Women's League President, Socio-Geographic, Arpatia, Crucible 1943-1944

Gretchen Hine
Liberal Arts
Mystics' Scribe 1943, Recording Secretary of Women's League 1943, Social Chairman of Women's League 1944, Phi Theta Kappa Treasurer



Madeline Merritt
Pre-Education
Aurae Scribe.

Blanche A. Schnople
County Normal B.O.B.A.



Maxine Merritt
Pre-Education, S.S.S.

May Jane Paull
Pre- Education
Aurae, Socio-Geographic, War Council 1943—44 Annual 1943-44, Crucible 1943-44, Frist Aid 1943.

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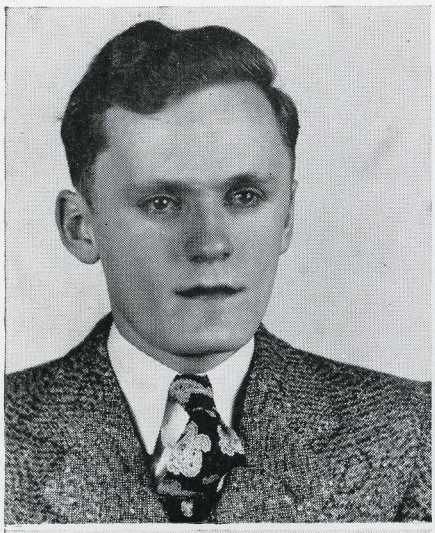

Florian Lukowski
Pre-Business
Student Council 1943, Phi Theta Kappa, Finance Chairman 1944.

Helen Thelma Jacoby
Pre-Education
Co-Editor Crucible 1943-44, Annual 1943, Mystics Leader 1943-44, Women's League Executive Council 1943-44

Mina Irene Wecker
Liberal Arts
Assembly Chairman, Crucible, Corona, Phi Theta Kappa

Kathaleen E. Dilas
Pre-Education
Co-Editor of Crucible, 1943-44, Editor of Annual 1943, Arpatia Leader, Women's League Executive Council

Patricia Sheridan
Accounting Tetra-Sci. S. S.S.

Vivian Kline
County Normal
Mystics, Girl's Octet 1943-44, A Cappella Choir 1941-42, Red Cross 1942

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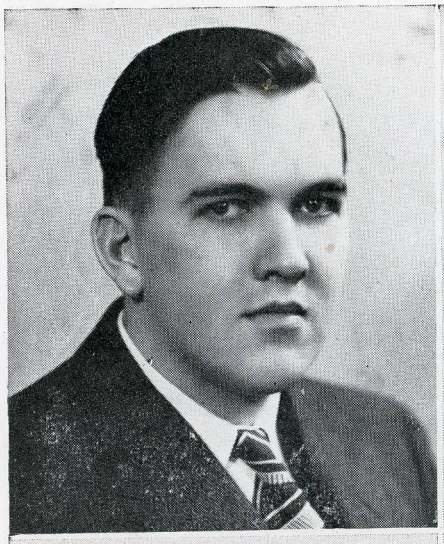
John Zuraw
County Normal

Chris Hopkins
County Normal

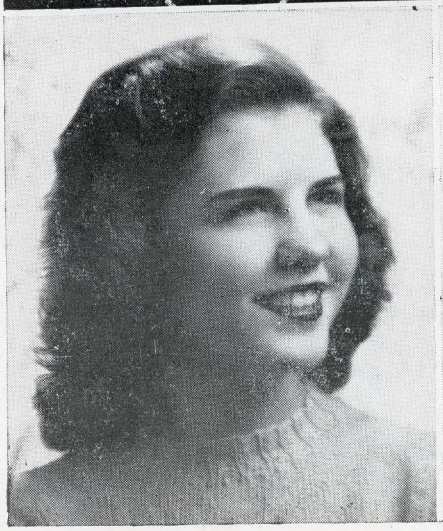


Margaret Elaine DuLong
Pre-Law
Vice-President, of Socio-Geographic. B.O.B.A. Leader, Crucible 1942, First Aid, Non-Military Affairs Committee

Wilma Maxine Koteskey
Pre-Education
Social Chairman of Women's League 1942-43, Socio—Geographic Secretary, Non-Military Affairs Committee, B.O.B.A. Crucible 1942-43, Riding Club, Lounge Chairman 1943-44, First Aid 1942.

Patricia E. Meyer
Liberal Arts
B. O. B. A. Tetra—Sci Secretary.

Ethel Jane Morton
Liberal Arts
B.O.B.A. War Council 1943, Red Cross, Girls' Chorus, Crucible 1944.



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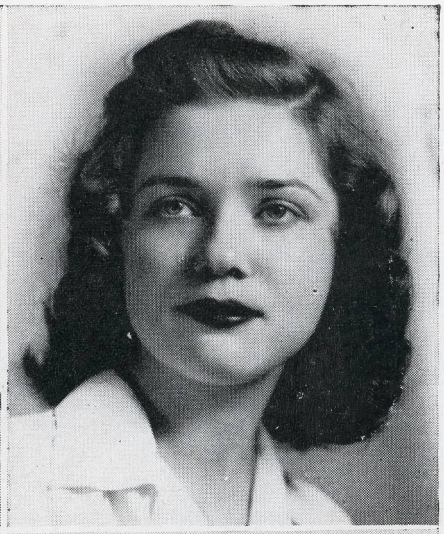

Irene Maciejewski
Pre-Education
S.S.S. Leader, Women's League Executive Council 1943-44, War Bond and Stamp Committee 1943-44, War Council 1943-44

Joan Elizabeth Blum
County Normal
President of Phi Theta Kappa 43-44, Chairman of Student Council 1943-44, Socio-Geographic 43-44, Crucible 42-43, Mystics 42-43, J. C. Representative Service Flag Committee to World Student Service Fund (W. S. S. F.) Convention in Lansing 1942

H. Virginia Reid
Pre-Medcal Technology
Vice-Pres. Social Chairman. Tetra-Sci

Saide Meeker
County Normal
Aurae

Ruth Johnson
County Normal
Arpatia, Crucible 1943-44
Annual 1943-44

Ruth F. Immerman
County Normal, Mystics
Mystics Scribe 1944

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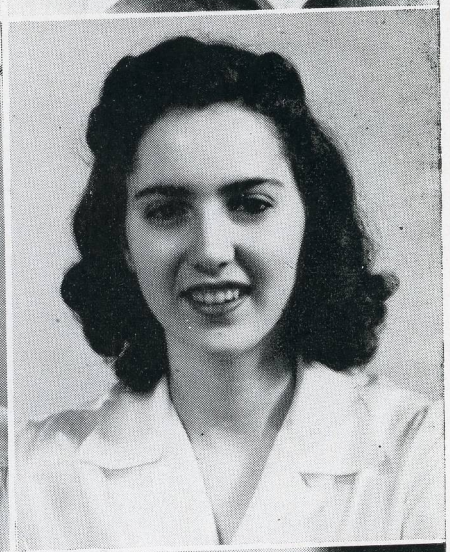
Evelyn Vogel
Women's League Vice President.

Margaret Ann Armstrong
Pre-Education
Aurae Leader, Student Council

Betty Ann Dreyer
B.O.B.A.
Athletic Chairman 1943, Socio-Geographic Club 1943-44, Corresponding Secretary of Women's League



Laura V. Burgess
County Normal
Arpatia, Crucible 1943-1944, Annual 1943-1944, Non-Military Affairs Committee, Secretary of Phi Theta Kappa, Red Cross 1942

Phyllis McCall
Liberal Arts
Vice-President of Phi-Theta Kappa, Student Council 1944, Arpatia, Socio-Geographic, Non-Military Defense Committee, Red Cross 1942-43.

Margaret P. McNamara
Liberal Arts
Phi Theta Kappa, Corona, Student Council, Art Editor Annual 1944.

CLASS OF 1944

Joyce Krabbe
Liberal Arts
Phi Theta Kappa B.O.B.A.
Leader

Rita J. Balwinski
Liberal Arts, Corona

Beverly Reeder
County Normal
Corona Leader, Women's League Executive Council

Anna Louise Anderson
Pre-Education
Corresponding Secretary of Women's League "44", Aurae, Non-Military Defense committee, Socio-Geographic Club, Lounge Chairman "44".

CLASS OF 1944 (Not in Pictures)

David Burger, Liberal Arts
Tetra-Sci

Caroline North, Pre-Nursing
Phi Theta Kappa, Pres. of Tetra-Sci. Arpatia, Women's League Athletic Chairman.

Alene H. Weinberg, Liberal Arts
Phi Theta Kappa, Mystics.

Gertrude Powell, Liberal Arts
County Normal 1944, S.S|S.

Delphine Grego, County Normal
Phi Theta Kappa, Corona

Elaine Hemenway, County Normal
B.O.B.A.

Irene Pfundt, County Normal

FACULTY

Standing

Thelma Weed A. A.
Bursar and Recorder

H. C. Klingbeil A. B., M. A.
Head, Department of Speech

Erma B. Hodgson A. B., M. A.
Head, Department of Geography and Sociology

A. Edward Stiles A. B., M. A.
Instructor, History

Libbie Kessler A. A., A. B., B. S. L. S.
Librarian, Instructor, Library Science

George C. Butterfield A. B., M. A.
Dean, Principal of Bay County Normal School, Psychology

Jane Dempster B. S.
Head, Art Department

Seated

Lola L. Bishop A. B.
Head, Department of French

Mathilda Schroeder A. B., M. A.
Head, Department of English and German

Nellie May McGregor B. Pd., A. B., M. A.
Instructor, English

Erma Joan Hellmuth A. B., M. A.
Head, Department of Spanish

Florence Presley (Mrs) Life Certificate
Assistant Librarian

FACULTY

Rheinhart Krause B. S.
Shop

Clayton R. Garlock B. S.
Head, Department of Agriculture and Physiology

Alice A. Howe A. B., M. A.
Instructor, Chemistry

Fred B. Rogers A. B., M. S.
Head, Department of Physics

J. H. George B. S., M. A.
Head, Department of Astronomy and Geology

Faculty members absent from pictures

Ada E. Hobbs A. B., M. A.
Instructor, English

Susan Perrin B. S., M. A.
Instructor, Physical Education

Seated

George L. Martin A. B., M. A.
Head, Department of Chemistry

Meta Ewing B. S., M. S.
Instructor, Mathematics

George D. Tunison A. B., M. A.
Instructor, Accounting, Education

Elizabeth Krafka A. B., M. A.
Head, Department of Biology

H. E. TenEyck B. S., A. B., M. A.
Head, Commercial Department

Carolyn K. White B. S.
Supervisor of Training School and Instructor in Education

TETRA-SCI

Tetra-Sci had an active program this year for its fourteen members. Caroline North was elected President; Virginia Reed, Vice-president; and Patricia Meyer, Secretary.

Complying with the custom of the Tetra-Sci to furnish additional data and help for its scientifically inclined members, the club invited a guest speaker for each meeting.

Standing Virgil Schabel, Caroline North, James Gilfoy, Dale Strong, Weyman Hohn, Mr. Martin, George Feighner
Middle Seated—Patricia Sheridan, Patricia Meyer, Anne Russell, Miss Howe Ellen Spinner, Beth Poznan
Front Row—Dorothy Michener, Marian Oberg, Mary Jane Phillips

Dr. William G. Gamble Jr. was the first speaker followed by Dr. Fernald Foster, who presented information concerning the medicine program embodied in the Wagner-Murray-Dingle Bill. Then for those interested in drugs, Mr. R. Bebb, local pharmacist, spoke of his experiences in his profession.

The highlight of the year was the annual party at the home of Mr. G. L. Martin, one of the sponsors of Tetra-Sci.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The decreased enrollment in the college caused no change in the organization of the student governing body. Under the guidance of Dean Butterfield this group as usual planned the social events, outlined a recreational program, apportioned the college funds, and issued the College Directory.

The social calendar of the college was necessarily limited to the two all-school parties held October 21 and April 28 and Open House held March 14. The Junior College Spread is to be held June 13, followed by the usual graduation activities.

Sitting—Florian Lukowski, Leslie Ward, James McCoy
Standing—Margaret Armstrong, Marguerite Hamme, Phyllis McCall, Dean Butterfield, Ellen Spinner, Doris DeVinney, Joan Blum

To this eight-member governing organization were elected Joan Blum (chairman), Margaret Armstrong, Phyllis McCall, and Florian Lukowski of the sophomore class; and Thelma Eurich, James McCoy, Leslie Ward, and Ellen Spinner of the Freshman class. Marguerite Hamme was later elected to fill the term of Thelma Eurich, who left for another college. Leslie Ward was inducted into the armed service of our country during the final weeks of the semester.

The most successful Council activity of the year was the scrap paper drive carried on for two weeks under the direction of Mr. Martin and Leslie Ward. Over one ton of scrap paper was collected, and the amount of $12.75 was used toward the purchase of a $25.00 war bond for Junior College.

CRUCIBLE STAFF

Kathaleen Dilas.
Back Row—Irene Clutter, Ethel Jane Morton, Miss McGregor, Miss Dempster, May June Paull, James Gilfoy, Helen Jacoby.
Middle Row—Marian Oberg, Beth Poznan, Ruth Johnson, Doris DeVinney,
Front Row—Pegge McNamara, Laura Burgess, Nancy Hatch, Joan Blum.

The members of the Junior College Crucible staff are: Joan Blum, Doris DeVinney, Mina Wecker, Irene Clutter, Laura Burgess, Ruth Johnson, Beth Poznan, Nancy Hatch, Ethel Jane Morton, Gretchen Hine, James Gilfoy. The co-editors were Kathleen Dilas and Helen Jacoby. The Secretary was May June Paull, and the Editorial Advisor was Nellie May McGregor.

There have been fifteen issues for this year; and besides furnishing each Junior College student with each edition, seven hundred and fifty copies have been sent to boys in our armed forces.

The staff also sponsored an assembly at which Mr. Lloyd Stevens of the Bay City Times spoke and showed samples depicting the art of advertising.

The annual members included all of the Crucible staff. The Art staff was headed by Miss Jane Dempster, art instructor, assisted by Pegge McNamara and Marian Oberg. Patricia Sheridan also worked on the annual staff and wrote the year of events.

SOCIO-GEOGRAPHIC

Socio-Geographic members had a full calendar with twelve regular meetings, which will be climaxed by the annual picnic and final banquet in early June.

Many worthwhile projects were completed, including the sale of goods for the Chinese War Relief which netted a total of $263.50, scrapbooks for the Percy Jones Hospital in Battle Creek, a Thanksgiving basket for an old Indian woman, a cookie drive for the U. S. O. on Valentine's day, and card table covers made for use in the Veterans' hospital.

Besides these activities the group enjoyed book reviews by Margaret DuLong, Wilma Koteskey, Joan Blum, and Gretchen Hine. Rev. William Koteskey spoke to the group on his travels in England; Maxine Akana presented several Hawaiian dances; and slides on Arizona were shown. Members were also surprized by a visit from Santa Claus at the Christmas party.

The officers elected to carry on the year's activities were: Doris De Vinney, president; Donna Spracklin, vice-president; Nancy Hatch, treasurer, and Joan Blum, secretary.

Throughout the year former members of the Socio-Geographic now in the service of their country have written to the present members of the club, thus keeping alive the spirit of fellowship.

Back Row— Maxine Akana, Irene Clutter, Wilma Koteskey, Marguerite Hamme
Miss Hodgson, Betty Ann Dreyer, May June Paull, Leah Karse
Middle Row—Anna Louise Anderson, Nancy Hatch, Gretchen Hine, Doris DeVinney, Donna Spracklin, Joan Blum, Mary C. Patterson, Sally Trombley.
Front Row—Phyllis McCall, Yvette Brenner, Patricia MacAulay, Arlene Stein

PHI THETA KAPPA

Only six of the members initiated into Phi Theta Kappa last May returned to J. C. in September. But six girls carried on the Beta Gamma Chapter functions with all the grace and tradition of more active years. Joan Blum, who had been elected president, conducted the business of the Chapter with her usual ease. Phyllis McCall, as vice-president, directed the initiates in the Pledge Service in addition to her other duties.

Gretchen Hine was the Chapter treasurer, and Laura Burgess acted as secretary.

Standing—Alene Weinberg, Joyce Krabbe
Seated—Gretchen Hine, Joan Blum, Laura Burgess, Miss Hellmuth, Phyllis McCall

The other two old members assisted in carrying out the functions of the Pledge Service and Initiative Banquet smoothly. Joyce Krabbe, as official reporter, sent regular articles to the national magazine, and both Miss Krabbe and Alene Weinberg contributed articles of interest.

The chapter is especially proud of the articles accepted by the "Golden Key." These included two of Joyce Krabbe's—"Innermost Ideals" and "Co-operation for Success". Alene Weinberg's article "For Post-War Plans—Education" appeared in the January issue, and another on life in War Factories in the March issue. Four poems by Joan Blum have been printed—"Men Are Fools", "Repentance", "Prayer of Hope" and "A Soul Inspired".

The pledges to the Chapter this year are: Ruth Born, Delphine Grego, Wilma Koteskey. Pegge Mc Namara, Clarence Newart, Caroline North, Mary Catherine Patterson, Sally Trombley and Mina Wecker.

The old members are confident that this fine new group will carry on and invigorate the chapter next year.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

This year, as in years past, the Women's League was one of the most active organizations in Junior College. The executive council, the body which consists of the officers and committee chairmen, met at noon on the first Monday of each month to conduct the business of the League.

The council consisted of Doris De Vinney, Women's League president; Evelyn Vogal, vice-president; Anna Louise Anderson, corresponding secretary; Nancy Hatch, recording secretary; and Phyllis McCall, treasurer. Gretchen Hine served as social chairman; Patricia Meyer as nominations chairman, and Ruth Born was athletic chairman. The group leaders were Kathaleen Dilas, leader of Arpatia; Margaret Armstrong, leader of Aurae; Joyce Krabbe, leader of B.O.B.A.; Beverly Reeder, leader of Corona; Helen Jacoby, leader of Mystics, and Irene Maciejewski, leader of S.S.S.. Miss Hellmuth and Miss Schroeder were Sponsors.

This year for the first time, the six groups voted to function in pairs because of the decreased enrollment, and many enjoyable meetings were held. The Freshmen Tea, the Christmas Banquet, the Open House, and the May Banquet, all traditional in the Women's League, were carried on this year very succesfully. Women's League service projects this year included continuation of the Honor Roll and helping to finance the lounge repairs.

Back Row—Margaret Armstrong, Nancy Hatch, Miss Schroeder, Miss Hellmuth Doris DeVinney, Kathaleen Dilas
Middle Row—Anna Louise Anderson, Beverly Reeder, Caroline North, Evelyn Vogel, Irene Maciejewski, Phyllis McCall
Front Row—Gretchen Hine, Joyce Krabbe, Helen Jacoby

COUNTY NORMAL

During the first semester, the County Normals were concerned with learning techniques and problems of teaching. Observing classes was also an essential part of the program and much was gained by watching children in the actual process of learning.

Making charts and flash cards, and completing various types of art work such as cards and cover design, were other important phases of work.

Left to Right—Laura Burgess, Delphine Grego, Beverly Reeder, Doris DeVinney Chris Hopkins, Gertrude Powell, Joan Blum, Elaine Hemenway, Blanche Schnople, Irene Pfundt, Ruth Immerman
Absent from the picture: Saide Meeker and John Zuraw

But it was not at all work for County Normal students, for at Christmas time a play was presented to the students of Riegel school, under the able direction of Beverly Reeder. Still other activities enjoyed by the students were folk dances and games they learned, which will supply recreation for their own students next fall.

The second semester saw actual practice teaching begun, and even though the student teachers felt anything but poised and confident on their first day of teaching, they soon became capable teachers, gaining the ability to handle some difficult situations. Because of the large number of students classes were arranged in unusual places, and any time of morning found student teachers surrounded by their pupils in any part of the building.

FRESHMEN

Back Row—Leslie Ward, Nelson Kunz, Don Meyer, Dale Strong, James McCoy, James Gilfoy, Virgil Schnabel, George Feighner

Third Row—Mary Jane Phillips, Arlene Stein, Sally Trombley, Helen Wellemeyer, Marjorie Taylor, Ruth Born, Mary Catherine Patterson, Robert Schneideman

Second Row—Irene Clutter, Dorothy Michener, Ella Tatum, Ellen Spinner, Delphine Grego, Marilyn Nielsen, Wildonna Scott, Irene Pfundt, Maxine Hartz, Marian Oberg

Front Row—Beth Poznan, Joan Schnettler, Eunice Nampa, Marguerite Hamme, Nancy Hatch

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